

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Lavin, on January 23, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Abigail Konen, Committee Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 144, 1/16/17; HB 213, 1/11/2017; HB 241, 1/19/17; HB 267,  
1/19/17  
Executive Action on: HB 92, HB 180

**HEARING ON HB 241**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:02 Rep. Alan Doane (R), HD 36, Revise unattended motor vehicle laws.

00:01:20 Vice Chair Garner joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:37 Spook Stang, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:02:26 Rep. Doane

**HEARING ON HB 267**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:21 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, Revise laws related to bicycles on roadways.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:13 Melinda Barnes, Bike Walk Montana

[EXHIBIT\(trh16a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh16a02\)](#)

00:09:56 Anna O'Donnell, AAA Mountain West

00:14:13 Rep. Greef

00:15:22 Arlen Hall, Adventure Cycling

[EXHIBIT\(trh16a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh16a04\)](#)

00:19:45 Peggy Stringer, Self

00:21:24 Bob Walker, Montana Trails, Recreation, and Parks Association

00:23:08 Kip Smith, Self

00:24:58 Darlene Tussing, Bike Walk Montana

00:27:11 Bill Cochran, Gallatin Valley Bike Club

00:29:10 Bruce Newell, Self

[EXHIBIT\(trh16a05\)](#)

00:31:47 Linda Gryczan, Self

00:33:13 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

00:33:47 Eaman Ormseth, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:35:03 Rep. Fern  
00:36:30 Rep. Garner  
00:37:05 Rep. Loge  
00:37:46 Arlen Hall, Adventure Cycling  
00:39:19 Rep. Hamilton  
00:41:35 Rep. Garner  
00:42:26 Rep. Smith  
00:43:07 Rep. Garner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:43:48 Rep. Garner

**HEARING ON HB 144****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:46:12 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, Generally revise motor vehicle laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:47:41 Sarah Garcia, Motor Vehicle Division-Department of Justice (MVD-DOJ)  
00:53:48 Bruce Knudsen, Auto Dealer's Association (MTADA)  
00:54:50 Matt Jones, BNSF (Burlington Northern Santa Fe) Railway  
00:57:30 Owen Kelley, Montana Independent Auto Dealers  
00:58:43 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:59:58 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)  
01:03:02 Bob Gilbert, Self  
01:04:31 Rebecca Sturdevant, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Montana Common Sense Coalition (MCSC)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:07:34 Fran Penner-Ray, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:08:03 Rep. McKamey  
01:10:34 Sarah Garcia, DOJ  
01:11:26 Vice Chair Garner  
01:11:45 Sarah Garcia, DOJ  
01:11:59 Joanne Loehr, Motor Vehicle Division-Department of Justice (MVD-DOJ)  
01:12:21 Vice Chair Garner  
01:12:42 Rep. Fern  
01:13:31 Sarah Garcia, DOJ  
01:13:43 Michele Snowberger, Motor Vehicle Division-Department of Justice (MVD-DOJ)  
01:15:48 Rep. Fern  
01:16:18 Michele Snowberger, DOJ  
01:17:48 Rep. McKamey  
01:18:24 Bob Armstrong, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)  
01:18:45 Rep. McKamey

01:18:59 Bob Armstrong, MHP  
 01:19:21 Rep. McKamey  
 01:19:33 Bob Armstrong, MHP  
 01:20:01 Michele Snowberger, DOJ  
 01:22:08 Chair Lavin  
 01:22:35 Sarah Garcia, DOJ  
 01:24:51 Michele Snowberger, DOJ  
 01:28:58 Vice Chair Garner  
 01:29:13 Michele Snowberger, DOJ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:29:36 Rep. Z. Brown

**HEARING ON HB 213**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:31:46 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, Revise motor vehicle license plate laws.

[EXHIBIT\(trh16a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh16a07\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:36:06 Bob Armstrong, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)  
 01:45:44 Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (MACOP)  
 01:47:37 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association  
 01:51:13 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:53:08 Vice Chair Garner  
 01:54:17 Rep. Fern  
 01:54:53 Bob Armstrong, MHP  
 01:55:11 Vice Chair Kipp III  
 01:55:40 Bob Armstrong, MHP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:56:43 Rep. Essmann  
  
 02:00:08 Rep. McKamey  
 02:01:48 Rep. Hamilton

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 92**

02:02:24 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 92 DO PASS.**

02:02:35 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 92 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(trh16a08\)](#)

**Discussion:**

02:04:01 Rep. Fern  
 02:04:14 Vice Chair Garner  
 02:04:40 Rep. Smith  
 02:04:56 Vice Chair Garner  
 02:05:17 Rep. Grubbs  
 02:05:58 Rep. Loge  
  
 02:06:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Hamilton voted by proxy.  
  
 02:06:45 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 92 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Hamilton voted by proxy.  
  
 02:07:30 Rep. McKamey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 152**

02:08:38 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 152 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

02:09:04 Rep. Smith  
 02:09:26 Vice Chair Garner  
 02:09:36 Without objection, Vice Chair Garner withdrew the DO PASS motion.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 180**

02:10:09 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 180 DO PASS**.  
  
 02:10:30 **Motion:** Rep. Loge moved that **HB 180 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(trh16a09\)](#)  
  
 02:12:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Hamilton voted by proxy.  
  
 02:12:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 180 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 12-1 by voice vote with Rep. McKamey voting no. Rep. Doane and Rep. Hamilton voted by proxy.  
  
 02:14:29 Chair Lavin

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:14:50

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Abigail Konen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([trh16aad.pdf](#))